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A GREAT deal of matrimonial tribulation, says an English writer, was brought to light in the last census returns. Several husbands returned their wives as the heads of the families, and one described himself as an idiot for having married his literal better half. "Married, and I am heartily sorry for it," was returned in two cases; and in quite a number of instances "temper" was entered under the head of infirmities opposite the name of wife. Confessions of this sort, besides being, as we have already hinted, somewhat indiscreet, are often also decidedly supererogatory, for congenial dissensions, like murder, will out, and that sometimes in the most provoking and unlimely manner. Take an illustration: At a recent fashionable wedding, after the departure of the happy pair, a dear little girl asked, with a child's innocent inquisitiveness: "Why do they throw things at the pretty lady in the carriage?" "For luck, dear," replied one of the bridesmaids. "And why," again asked the child, "doesn't she throw them back?" "Oh," said the young lady, "that would be rude." "No, it wouldn't," persisted the dear little thing, to the delight of her doting parents, who stood by; "ma does."

Connubial bickerings would often prove extremely amusing to a disinterested spectator. In "Mrs. CAULDS's Curtain Lectures," DOUGLAS JEROLD has presented us with some very entertaining illustrations of the "counsels many, sweet and precious," besides "the sage advices," which the dutiful wife bestows upon her erring lord and master. Poor CAULDS, as a rule, thought discretion the better part of valour, and sought refuge in the arms of soothing slumber; but all men are not of such unheroic mould or docile temperament, and do not allow their wives to have it all their own way without at least an occasional protest. "Do you pretend to have as good a judgment as I have?" said an enraged wife to her husband. "Well, no," he replied deliberately; "our choice of partners for life shows that my judgment is not to be compared with yours."

Why is there so much connubial tribulation in the world? Many reasons might be stated. DRAN SWIFT says the reason why so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages. But it is manifestly absurd and unfair to saddle all the blame upon the wives in this

way. GEORGE ELIOT tells us that marriage must be a relation either of sympathy or of conquest; and it is undoubtedly true that much of the matrimonial discord that exists arises from the mutual struggle for supremacy. They go to church and say "I will," and then, perhaps, on the way home one or the other says "I won't," and that begins it. Some one has said that conjugal affection largely depends on mutual confidence. A friend of ours quoted this sentiment the other day in a smoking-room, and added that he made it a rule to tell his wife everything that had happened, and in this way he avoided any misunderstanding. "Well, sir," remarked another gentleman present, not to be outdone in generosity, "you are not so open and frank as I am, for I tell my wife a good many things that never happen." "Oh!" exclaimed a third, "I am under no necessity to keep my wife informed regarding my affairs. She can find out five times as much as I know myself without the least trouble."

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 12th.
THE DANUBIAN CONFERENCE.
The Danubian conference has commenced its sittings in London. The conference has decided to admit Roumania and Servia to a consultative voice, and the Roumanian Government has protested against the decision.

February 13th.
FRENCH POLITICS.
The French Senate has rejected the bill for expulsion, and has adopted one banishing, after trial, Princes attempting to subvert the institutions of the country.
—Prince Napoleon is in England on a visit to the Empress Eugenie.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE United Presbyterian Church of Scotland is engaged in raising \$40,000 for the repair of the church being built in Jamaica.

DURING the year 1882, 830,000,000 gallons of beer were consumed in Germany, making the average number of gallons drunk by each individual about twenty.

A REGULAR Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S. C. will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, to-night at 8 for 8.30 precisely. Visiting brethren will, as usual, be fraternally received.

A CONVOCATION of Emergency of United Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

In Berlin, which has a population of 1,145,000, the church attendance falls below 35,000. The Prussians would appear, from these figures, to have a very slight amount of confidence in professional "snuff-busters."

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Vorwarts* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected to arrive here on Tuesday next, the 20th instant.

A PARADE and Inspection of the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades will take place at the City Hall, at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow, the 15th. There will also be a Drill Parade at the Central Fire Brigade Station at half-past three on Tuesday next.

It may perhaps be regarded as a satire on the times we live in, that the fund for the relief of the wives and children of British soldiers and sailors killed in the late Egyptian war does not amount to one-half the sum raised for Dr. FUSEY's memorial.

INDIVIDUAL (stepping into witness-box)—"As I was going home last night, your worship, somebody fired a pistol, and the shot went right through my hat." Magistrate (impatiently)—"Tut tut, my good man, that's nothing; wait till you get one in your head, then we will go into the matter. Next case."

THE annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's College will take place at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday next. His Excellency the Administrator will preside, and an attractive programme of a musical, penny reading, and farcical character has been arranged to show off the abilities of the scholars. The above inducements will doubtless attract a large number to St. Joseph's College.

CAPTAIN KETTLEWELL, of the *Marchioness*, charged Samuel Payne, boatswain of the ship, before Captain Thomsett this morning with being drunk and creating a disturbance on board. Payne, it appears, returned from leave of absence at 3.30 last night drunk, and showed the hold the fire-water had got on him by assaulting George Smith, the forecastle cook. The Captain said Samuel was a very good man at sea, when away from the maddening influences of alcohol, but that he was bound to get top-heavy when in harbour, the temptation to indulge then becoming irresistible. Admitting the impeachment, Payne was mulcted in \$5 or 7 days' hard labor. The fine was paid.

MARIA DE LUZ SANCHES, a lady rejoicing in the elevated position of a concubine, summoned Rumlado Magtanua, a Manilaman, quartermaster of the *Hainan*, to the Police Court this morning for assault. Maria said that Rumlado burst her door open, and when she begged him not to kick up such a row, he went up stairs where she was and beat her; and that upon taking his departure, he called her names. Rumlado denied the charge *in toto*. Unable to apportion the blame between the pair, Captain Thomsett resorted to the expedient of binding both over in personal security of ten Mexicans to be of exemplary behaviour till the 14th of next month.

A PARTY of Italian savants have recently returned home from an expedition to the South Pacific. They have settled, to their own satisfaction, the question of the former existence of a race of giants in Patagonia, as reported by Magellan. In wandering over Terra del Fuego they found bones of such a size as to convince them of the veracity of Magellan's statements.

We read that in some places in Europe steel bars are used in preference to bells, supplanting them sometimes altogether in church steeples, and producing very pure, distinct and melodious sounds. An English writer even advocates their general use on the ground that, while in point of sonority they are equal to the common bell, in certain other respects they are to be preferred to it. Their weight will be light in comparison with the ponderous objects they are to replace; they will not burden the steeples so much, and, consequently, will give more scope for architectural design; their winding and hanging up will not be so difficult, dangerous, and expensive; they are not liable to crack, as is the case with bells, and are, therefore, adapted for use in any climate; they can also be operated by a simple mechanical contrivance. They are also much cheaper than bells.

JOSEPH HAUGHTON, the turnkey charged yesterday with assaulting Barros Singh, Sikh police constable, at the Ko-shing theatre, was up again this morning before Mr. Woodhouse. Having been sent with constable Johnson to the theatre to point out the man who, he said, gave him permission to seat himself on the stage, he failed to identify the individual. Mr. Woodhouse imposed a fine of \$10 or 14 days' hard labour on Joseph, who came to the front with the Mexicans like a man and a turkey. We hope this little affair will not affect Haughton's status in the Gaoi Service, as though a small man compared with the Punjaubees, he showed himself to be possessed of considerable pluck in tackling Barros Singh. We suppose it was the "dig" in the pectoral region given by Joseph to Singh, when the latter was doubled up on his back between the seats in the pit, that influenced Mr. Woodhouse in awarding the punishment inflicted.

The following sentiments about women, taken from the works of celebrated authors, are interesting:—Confucius—Woman is the masterpiece. Franklin—He that takes a wife takes care. Herder—Woman is the crown of creation. La Fontaine—Foxes are all tall and women all tongue. Voltaire—Women teach us repose, civility and dignity. John Quincy Adams—All that I am my mother made me. Bouscalt—I wish that Adam had died with all his ribs in his body. Richter—No man can live either piously or die righteously without a wife. N. J. Willis—The sweetest thing in life is the unclouded welcome of a wife. Victor Hugo—Women detect the serpent through a professional jealousy. Voltaire—All the reasonings of men are not words one sentiment of women. Beecher—Women are a new race, recreated since the world received Christianity. Leopold Scheler—But one thing on earth is better than the wife—that is the mother. Shakespeare—For where is any author in the world teaches such beauty as woman's eyes? Michelet—Woman is the Sunday of man; not his repose only, but his joy, the salt of his life. Mary Wollstonecraft—As a sex women are habitually indolent, and everything tends to make them so. Ben Johnson—A woman, the more curious she is about her face, is commonly the most careless about her house. Southey—There are three things a wise man will not trust—the wind, the sunshine of an April day, and a woman's plighted faith. Lady Montague—It goes far toward reconciling me to being a woman when I reflect that I am thus in no danger of marrying one.

Writing from Washington on the 7th ult., the correspondent of a San Francisco contemporary says—"It is stated that the Cabinet considered, without reaching a conclusion, the demand of the German Government for military service from its subjects in the United States."

The German Government has instructed all its Consuls to notify German subjects liable to military duty to report. Among the persons notified are Germans resident in this country who have not been naturalized, and the sons of such Germans who have not reached their majority and consequently cannot yet elect their nationality. These Germans do not know what to do, and have been writing to the State Department for information. The Department has replied that it had heard nothing from the Minister at Berlin in regard to the demand for military service, but as soon as it gets any information it would give the Germans in this country the benefit of it. The German Government wish to abrogate the Bancroft Treaty, on the ground that it is too favorable to America. The German-Americans demand the abrogation of the treaty on the ground that it is not favorable enough to them. Half a dozen Germans who have long resided in America, were recently arrested in Germany and held for military service. Now Germany goes a step further, and insists that Germans residing in this country, but retaining their German citizenship, shall go home and tender military service. These persons, it is evident, cannot be taken back to Germany by violence, but if they should determine to ignore this official invitation to return to the Fatherland, it would be injudicious for them to return home at any subsequent occasion. This Government has no interest in merely enabling foreigners to escape the burdens of citizenship in their own countries. It has no motive for protecting through life, persons who come to this country merely to get naturalized and then return home to enjoy all the advantages of two nationalities and bearing the burdens of neither. To give due protection to foreigners who seek American citizenship in good faith, without giving undue protection to others, is a problem that has already occupied much of the time of our Ministers in Europe, our Secretaries of State, and the Foreign Affairs Committees of Congress.

The decision of the Attorney-General, that Chinese laborers may pass through the country on their way home from the West Indies, is, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*, a bit of stupidity worthy to be placed with the decisions of Justice Field. There is no good reason why these Mongolians should cross this country if they really desire to go back to China. If a part of their desire to drop off at various stations on the road, there is every reason why they should prefer this route. The decision is notable because it reveals a tendency to take the life out of the Chinese Restriction Act by every legal means.

THE wife of the Khedive is said to be a remarkable woman, both by descent and for her personal qualities. Her mother was the daughter of a Turkish Sultan, her father the son of an Egyptian Khedive and a descendant of Mohammed Ali, the founder of the present dynasty. Tewfik Pasha, who married her ten years ago, when she was only twenty, has never given her any rival in his affection or in his household. They have four children, two sons and two daughters, who are educated by English governesses in English ways. The Princess looks more like a European than a princess of an Egyptian lady. She has brown hair, a dazzling white complexion, great brown eyes and a queenly carriage. She dresses in the latest Parisian fashion, and does not, like most Oriental ladies, constantly smoke and eat confections. She speaks French fluently, and uses that language when she receives foreigners. Such visitors she greets with a slight inclination of the head and gives them her hand to kiss. Her own countrywomen kneel before her and kiss the hem of her garment till she gives them a sign to rise. She has established a much stricter etiquette than prevailed at the court of Ismail Pasha. Her husband has the greatest confidence in her judgment, and does nothing important without her approval. Her powers must have been severely taxed during the late events, but, at any rate, she never lost her courage. Her sharing all the perils of the Khedive and refusing the shelter offered her on board the English ships has endeared her to the Egyptians.

DR. LAUSER is a German art journalist of considerable home reputation. While engaged one day not long ago in examining the magnificent collection of antiquities in Sigmaringen Castle, he made a peculiar discovery. His attention was attracted by a small, but elaborately carved stone sarcophagus, which bore upon its lid the effigies of a knight, completely armed, and of a richly attired lady. Inquiring into the history of it, he was told that it contained some relics of the famous Cid Rodrigo of Spain. Further investigation developed its greater value. It contained also the remains of his wife, the Countess Ximena. The treasure had been stolen from the tomb at Burgos by the French troops at the invasion of 1804. After breaking open the sarcophagus and despoiling it of its material contents in jewels and precious metals, the remains that had been deposited there, for upward of seven hundred years, were sacrilegiously scattered about the floor of the vault. But Prince Salm-Dyck, who happened to be at Burgos at the time, and a French officer named La Martille, carefully gathered together the "disjecta membra," and subsequently deposited them in another sarcophagus, exactly copied after the original one, although smaller in proportions. Prince Salm kept his secret during life, but at his death he bequeathed the new sarcophagus, with its contents, to Prince Anton von Hohenzollern, the father of the King of Roumania. Dr. Lauser, upon making his discovery, communicated it to a Spanish academician, Signor Tabino, who reported it to King Alfonso. The King at once preferred an urgent request to the Prince of Hohenzollern for their restoration to the soil of Spain, a request that was acceded to promptly. And they are to be received in Spain with high honors—"with every imaginable token of official respect and popular enthusiasm," as a Spanish announcement has it.

It has come to the knowledge of the Russian authorities, recently, that the schooners and American coasting vessels from the Pacific Coast and other ports, have been in the habit of stopping at points on the Siberian Coast, and at the islands in the Okhotsk and Behring Seas, belonging to the Russian Government, and there trading and fishing without the authority of a permit from the Governor-General of the country. Such trading excursions are really depredations, and the facts reaching the Russian Government the following circular of information and warning has been published:—I. Without a special permit or license from the Governor-General of Eastern Siberia, foreign vessels are not allowed to carry on trading, hunting, fishing, etc., on the Russian coast or islands in the Okhotsk and Behring Seas, or on the northeastern coast of Asia, or within their sea boundary line. II. For such permits or licenses foreign vessels should apply at Vladivostok, exclusively. III. In the port of Petropavlovsk, though being the only port of entry in Kamchatka, such permits of licenses shall not be issued. IV. No permit or license whatever shall be issued, for hunting, fishing or trading at or on the Commodore and Robben Islands. V. Foreign vessels found trading, fishing, hunting, etc., in Russian waters without a license or permit from the Governor-General, and also those possessing a license or permit who may infringe the existing bye-laws on hunting, shall be confiscated, both vessels and cargoes, for the benefit of the Government. This enactment shall be enforced henceforth, commencing with A. D. 1882. VI. The enforcement of the above will be entrusted to Russian men-of-war, and also to Russian merchant vessels, which, for that purpose, will carry military detachments and be provided with proper instructions. At the office of the Collector of the Port in this city, no intelligence regarding any special reason for the publication of the circular is known; as nothing of a serious nature, in this connection, has been observed by the Revenue authorities.

A REGULAR LODGE OF VICTORIA, No. 1165, will be held on Friday, the 16th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

A CINCINNATI telephone company removed an instrument from a patron's office because he said "dam" through it, claiming that using profane language was contrary to the Company's rules. The patron sued for damages, and the Superior Court gave a divided decision. Two Judges were of opinion that "dam" was swearing, while the dissenting Judges held that it was not.

THERE could be no better illustration of the death of news to which we referred last week than the fact that during the past fortnight a widely circulated London evening journal has every day devoted two or three columns of its space to a discussion of the burning question whether Englishmen are descendant of the lost ten tribes. The redoubtable Dr. Littledale and an ex-colonial bishop have joined in the fray, which has been as lively as it could have been had the subject been one susceptible of serious debate by sensible men.

CORPORAL DONNELLAN of the Royal Engineers appeared at the Police Court this morning before Captain Thomsett to answer to a summons taken out by Inspector Cameron for that, he (the corporal) did unlawfully discharge fire-arms on the public road at Tsim-sha-tai on the 10th instant. Donnellan, it appears, ignorant of the law, in such cases made and provided, took a pot-shot at an innocent little titmote perched on a tall tree on Robinson Road in British Kowloon—we believe he missed the bird, having, it appears, shut both his eyes as he pulled the trigger—near Mr. Holmes' (of the eminent legal firm of Stephens and Holmes) residence there. The quick-eared Inspector heard the report, took stock of the shoot, and summoned him. Pleading ignorance of the law, Captain Thomsett very humanely let the corporal off with a caution, it being his first offence of any kind since he has been in the Colony.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The Italian Opera Company produced Donizetti's famous opera "Lucia di Lammermoor" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night, for the benefit of Signor and Signora Petrovich, to a fairly good house. The performance went very smoothly throughout, the audience showing their appreciation by frequent applause. Unusual pressure on our space, owing to the arrival of the American mail, will not permit us to "criticise at length" the performance in detail; nor is it necessary that we should do so, as the artistic merits of the various artists are already sufficiently well-known from previous representations.

Signora Petrovich, although hardly suited in the character of Lucia, gave a most intelligent rendering of the part, but her vocalisation was rather uncertain, and greatly marred by a too lavish indulgence in the objectionable tremolo. Signor Petrovich was a manly *Edgar* and sang most effectively, whilst Signor Clocchi scored a brilliant success in the favorite *Barbieri di Siviglia*. Signora Sillini and Signora Bertolini rendered efficient service as *Alisa* and *Arturo* respectively, the *compramis* especially distinguishing herself. A good word must also be said for Signor Arigoni, who filled a small part with much ability.

The fantasia on the pianoforte by Signor Gori was a most brilliant performance, and a great success. The audience fairly rose to the talented *maestro*, and a repetition was insisted on. There can be no doubt that Signor Gori is about the most accomplished pianist that has ever visited the Far East, and it is to be hoped that the public will show their appreciation of his abilities by patronising the performance to be given for his benefit on Saturday next.

Gomez's grand duo "Guarany" was admirably rendered by Signor and Signora Petrovich between the second and third acts of the opera, and loudly applauded. We can congratulate the *beneficiaries* on the unqualified success of the entire performance.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary annual meeting of shareholders was held at the office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, Central, at noon to-day, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts to 31st December last, and the report of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. There were present—Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman), Messrs. V. C. Rocha, D. McCulloch, Douglas Jones, J. P. Maday, W. N. Bain, M. B. Polshaw, J. Pestonjee, A. Coxon, J. Bell-Irving, H. C. Maclean, G. C. Cox, W. Parfitt, A. G. Stokes, and T. Jackson.

The Chairman said that unless the meeting had any special information to ask with regard to the report and accounts, the general managers had little or nothing to add. He was assured by the manager that the buildings and works were in first class order, and would require no repairs for some time to come. He hoped the shareholders would confirm the policy advocated by the general managers of writing out of the profits the amount paid for the goodwill of the business, and maintaining a reserve. He would propose that the report and accounts be passed, and would be happy to answer any questions.

total receipts were less the running cost would be the same. If the price were increased—

The Chairman here explained that the item for salaries, &c., included the cost of the process and material.

Mr. Jones remarked that on receipts of \$38,000 there was an expense of \$16,000, including the general managers' commission.

The Chairman said the cost of ice was included in that.

Mr. Bain said the amount included all costs.

The Chairman then again proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. Coxon and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones proposed the re-election of Mr. Thomas Arnold as auditor for the current year, which, being seconded by Mr. McCulloch, was also carried *unanimously*.

The Chairman said the dividend warrants would be ready on the 15th, and that that concluded the business.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Jones, was then passed, the meeting thereupon dispersing.

TRAINING NOTES.

Although rain fell at intervals throughout last night, it had no appreciable effect on the race course, which is still hard and unyielding, and dangerous to gallop on. However, the time has arrived when risks of breakdowns must be run, as unless ponies are galloped they certainly cannot win races; consequently, fast work was indulged in by nearly the whole of the racers in training. Although nothing particularly brilliant in the shape of fast times was recorded, proceedings generally were unusually interesting, as affording a line of the form of the prominent public favorites for the various races.

Dalesman and Shell, I was informed on arriving at the course, had already been out at exercise, the latter, apparently recovered from his recent lameness, trotting perfectly sound. Cobnut had also been on the track prior to my arrival, and I understand on reliable authority that this promising candidate for Derby honors had galloped a mile and a half in good style. The following were given to me as Cobnut's times—1.55 for three quarters, 2.18 once round, 2.30 one mile, 3.18 a mile and a quarter, and full distance 3.42, the pony cantering easily all the way. Shamrock galloped a mile at a steady pace, the watch registering 34.69, 1.45 and 2.19. It seemed to me that this game pony did not move in his usual resolute fashion, and it is probable that he is not in his best form.

Hickory, ridden by Mr. Hutchings, covered a mile in capital form (time 2.22) and will be hard to beat for the Canton Cup. Mr. Paul's handsome white griffin Sunning galloped the Derby distance in 3.34, striding along like a little race horse at the finish. Castigator was sent a mile and a quarter; times for last mile—33.66, 1.43, 2.17. Scotch Reel, Ghillie Callum and Fliscato went together one mile in 2.20, the dun going on and covering altogether close upon two miles. Sunlight strode along splendidly over the mile course in 33.68, 1.41 and 2.13, pulling "Horse" almost out of the saddle, as he shot past the post and held. Blunder Elus was sent a long steady gallop, and I observed Bugini, Helios, Rienti and Fauga-ballah doing strong exercise. The last named pair "powed" a mile and a half. Rienti returning to the enclosure: dead lame. Mr. St. Vincent's Derby griffin Ambassador galloped at a nice, easy pace over the Derby course, his last mile being timed—34.70, 1.45 and 2.18. One of the best performances of the morning was a mile and a half by Bandman and "Iroquois" in 3.26. Mr. St. Andrew's representative pulling double over his companion at the finish.

Prejudice and Newmarket, the latter in blankets, negotiated the Derby course in good form, although the times were not particularly brilliant. The first quarter was run in 36 seconds, the half mile in 1.15, six furlongs in 1.49, one mile in 2.25, and full distance 3.37; both ponies being full of running when they shot past the judge's box. Peanut was on the track, but did nothing noteworthy. Mr. Royell rode Skeddadler in a steady mile and a quarter gallop, the little white going along grandly. The iron grey Triumph after a slow half mile was rattled along, and made his last mile pretty easily in 2.19. In a six furlongs' spin between Gang Forward and Allegro, the latter appeared to have it all his own way after going four furlongs, the grey, as customary, refusing to try when the pinch came. The time was slow—a shade under 1.40.

Euge and Dromedary "powed" together, the grey winning easily. Filbert galloped a mile very slowly and in anything but brilliant form. Mr. Tennant rode Wolf-Wolf in a fast gallop, and I fancy the pony showed symptoms of lameness. Rose and Reeder "powed" a mile, the old pony winning an exciting race by rather better than a length in 1.15. Merry Monk cantered three quarters of a mile in 1.15, and then galloped a quarter in 31 seconds, standing over the ground in magnificent style. The subscription griffin, Darley, and Bothwell galloped a mile, the latter winning by several lengths in 2.25 minutes. 23 seconds. Malgrado and Silverstreak were tried for half a mile, the black griffin losing and in 56 seconds. Little Winkler and Second Violin galloped a mile. The griffin showed the way for four lengths in the three quarter time (33.33) and for the next quarter (time 60) still held a clear lead. Approaching the village the old pony got alongside and drawing away at the quarter post (time 1.14) ran very easily by several lengths in 1.14. Movement after some slow work, galloped a quarter at full speed, going rather short, in my opinion. Derwent, accompanied by Strathgairn, galloped the Derby course in 3.35—a vast improvement on anything previously shown in Hongkong by this griffin pony. Old Peter moves in quite a different manner, not to be underestimated, whatever he does.

Mr. Paul's subscription griffin Opal and Lavender "powed" the Canton Cup distance, and another reversal of public favor was

The Derby favorite Highland Fling was ridden by Mr. Brandt over the Derby distance, and quite failed to please the cognoscenti. The full times for the gallop were : 41, 76, 150, 237, 304 and 339, the pony apparently ridden out at the finish. This performance should certainly cause an entire revolution in the Derby betting, as Highland Fling has not only been lame and is consequently short of work, but has most certainly been greatly over-rated. He is undoubtedly a fine looking pony, and moves in capital form; but his want of length would appear to warrant the belief that he is only a pretty good second rate. Of course a pony that has been continued in his stable for a fortnight, could scarcely be expected to show winningtime in his first gallop, and possibly Highland Fling may improve to such an extent between now and this day week to enable him to realise the anticipations of his supporters; however, as matters stand, it seems to me he will have to make such tremendous improvement to have a chance for the Derby against ponies like Ambassador, Dalesman, Cobnut and Sunshine, that at present he ought to be a rank outsider instead of one of the hottest favorites on record. So much for public opinion, prestige, and stupid *canards* of the class referred to in my last letter.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

LONDON, January 14th. In spite of the immense sums which have been spent upon the new law courts, the bitterest complaints are being made on all sides regarding the accommodation they furnish, or rather do not furnish, for all classes doing business there. The courts, as they are, from the first adopted, would be dark, and when the court chambers were fitted up everybody says that their arrangement left much to be desired. The Judges cannot hear, so far removed are they from the lawyers and witnesses; the jurors are almost blown out of their seats by currents of chill air; the spectators have no desks for their papers, and the bar cannot obtain admittance into the buildings at all, for the "Public Entrance" are always locked. Everybody is turned away from the main entrance. Not only are the passages inside dark, but they are more tortuous than the maze at Hampton Court. Everybody regrets the departure from the old courts at Westminster, in contrast with which they undoubtedly were. Until great alterations are made, the new law courts will rank as another of our great architectural failures. Cynical people say the only satisfactory thing about the whole business is

MADRID, January 14th.
 Marshal Serrano and associates contradict the rumors of the disorganization of the Dynastic Left, saying that they are determined to adhere to the programme of the party, explained some time ago to the Senate. They have resolved, however, to observe a conciliatory attitude toward the Government as an inducement to it to carry into effect the liberal measures promised. The fact of Gluck, a Democrat, having been appointed a member of the Cabinet is regarded as indicating such intention on the part of the Government.

BREXLEY, January 14th.
The total number of lives lost by the flood in the vicinity of Loughshakin is estimated at **forty-one**. The stringent military measures have **ruined** the practice of bands of men going about **looting** plundering the inundated houses. Two **microbes** have been captured near Freshford while trying to cut the dam, with the **object** of causing fresh **catastrophes** for plunder. The **salvoes** against the **machief**, thus averting a **great disaster**.

The yellow book has been issued. The final dispatch by Dulerac, Minister of Foreign Affairs, dated January 6th, says i—England's attitude compels France to resume her liberty. A dispatch from Lord Granville, British Minister of Foreign Affairs, dated December 13th, says i—There is no reason why, after the disappearance of the joint control, France and England should not continue to exercise a beneficent influence i—Evrol.

been watched by detectives for two years, and evidence will be given on Saturday of a Fenian armory, also the formation of the plot to murder Lord Frederick Cavendish, Earl Spencer, and other government officers. Proof will be submitted that the Fenians had been in contact with prisoners with persons found guilty of murderous outrages. A perfect panic exists among the constables and police. The police have secured a revolver purchased along with the one with which the attempt was made on Judge Lawson's life. It is believed the government will be able to prove the existence of a conspiracy to murder government officers.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 15th.
The budget for 1893 estimates the receipts at 778,500,000 roubles, and the expenditure at 783,000,000 roubles less. Accompanying the budget is a report which says that loans will be unnecessary. The improvement of the financial situation, although difficult, is not impossible in view of the peaceful yet firm attitude pursued by the government abroad and the absence of any possibility of internal affairs. It adds that upon the success of the future mission to the East depends the welfare of the empire and the growth and power of the empire.

LYONS, January 15th.

At the trial of the anarchists to-day, Prince Krapotkin, addressing the Court in his own defence, sought to show that the so-called internationalists do not exist. Anarchical ideas he declared were spreading despite all the efforts to suppress them. If he were condemned, the result would be to attract proselytes to the cause. He had been arrested, he averred, because he was a foreigner.

PARIS, January, 15th.
The first Chamber of the Civil Court of the Seine has declared itself incompetent to act in the suit of the Countess of San Antonio, nee Martinez Campos, to obtain from her husband, the son of Marshal Serran of Spain, an allowance of 100,000 francs per annum, as well as 50,000 francs to defray the expenses of her appeal.

CAIRO, January 15th.
A telegram from official sources in Constantinople reports that some Circassians attempted on Sunday, to assassinate the Sultan. A woman divulged the plot, and the Albanian body guard met and defeated the Circassians in the vicinity of the Sultan's apartments. Several men were killed in the encounter.

LONDON, Jan. 16th.
The beach from Harwich to Alderbury is strewn with wreckage from the British ship *'Ride of the Ocean,'* from Hamburg for New York. A case containing dynamite was found by the coast guard, and the fact that the wreckage is in exceedingly small pieces has led to the conjecture that the loss of the vessel was caused by the explosion of dynamite.

Ex-Empress Eugenie has again written to Rouher in regard to her gift of the castle, which the municipality refused to acknowledge as irregular. She wishes to know whether her offer will be accepted. If so, articles of gift will be drawn up.

MADRID, January 16th.
There were eleven shocks of earthquakes to-day in the town of Archéna, causing the greatest consternation. Mass was said in the fields, it being considered dangerous to occupy the

LIMERICK, January 16th.
At an affray at Cappagwhite, County Tipperary, growing out of resistance to eviction, the bailiffs were attacked with pitchforks. Many people were wounded. A number were arrested.

Another arrest has been made in Dublin in connection with the conspiracy to murder.

LONDON, Jan. 16th.

Germans here have collected £4,000 for the relief of distress resulting from the floods.

The F. & O. Co.'s steamer *Bohara*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 10th instant, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 17th.

The steamer *Coniston* left Singapore on the 9th instant, and is due here on or about the 16th. The N. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Camorta* left Batavia on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th.

The steamer *Tannadice* left Sydney on the 3rd instant, and may be expected to arrive here about the 27th.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE

Thermometer—	9 P.M.	56
Thermometer—	9 P.M. (Wet bulb)	56
Thermometer—	To-day, 7 P.M.	56
Barometer—	9 A.M.	30.11
Thermometer—	9 A.M.	51
Thermometer—	9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	51
Barometer—	To-day, 9 A.M.	30.11
Thermometer—	1 P.M.	57
Thermometer—	1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	57
Thermometer—	Maximum	70
Thermometer—	Minimum (over night)	52

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BERLIN, January 14th.
The total number of lives lost by the flood in the vicinity of Ludwigshafen is estimated at forty-one. The stringent military measures have checked the practice of bands of men going about in boats, plundering the inundated houses. Two miscreants have been captured near Frankenthal while trying to cut the dam with the object of creating fresh opportunities for plunder. The soldiers repaired the mischief thus avoiding a great disaster.

SOFIA, January 14th.
The reports of the early rising of Mussulmans in the mountain district of Eastern Roumelia are

PARIS, January 15th.—The *Rappel*, referring to the Prince Imperial at Woolwich, stigmatizes the English nation as a "herd of cattle" and the English army as an "army of women." Other newspapers make spiteful comments on the affair.

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